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SCRIPTURE

PSALM 105

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;
- tell of all his wonderful works.
- 3 Glory in his holy name;
- let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength;
- seek his presence continually.
- 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done,
- his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

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7 He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
8 He is mindful of his covenant forever,
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
9 the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
10 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute.
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance."
12 When they were few in number,
of little account, and strangers in it,
13 wandering from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another people,
14 he allowed no one to oppress them;
he rebuked kings on their account,
15 saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones;
do my prophets no harm."
16 When he summoned famine against the land,
and broke every staff of bread,
17 he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
18 His feet were hurt with fetters,
his neck was put in a collar of iron;
19 until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the Lord kept testing him.
20 The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all his possessions,
22 to instruct his officials at his pleasure,
and to teach his elders wisdom.
23 Then Israel came to Egypt;
Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
24 And the Lord made his people very fruitful,
and made them stronger than their foes,
25 whose hearts he then turned to hate his people,
to deal craftily with his servants.
26 He sent his servant Moses,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They performed his signs among them,
and miracles in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made the land dark;
they rebelled against his words.
29 He turned their waters into blood,
and caused their fish to die.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs,
even in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,
and gnats throughout their country.
32 He gave them hail for rain,
and lightning that flashed through their land.
33 He struck their vines and fig trees,
and shattered the trees of their country.
34 He spoke, and the locusts came,
and young locusts without number;
35 they devoured all the vegetation in their land,
and ate up the fruit of their ground.
36 He struck down all the firstborn in their land,
the first issue of all their strength.
37 Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
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39 He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
40 They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.
43 So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
44 He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, 45 that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

for dread of them had fallen upon it.

DEVOTION

Praise the Lord!

Karris May Jackson '22

When my daughter was six, she asked me, "Mom, how do you know there is a God?" I shared a story with her: When you were just a few days old, the pediatrician discovered a white, cloudy film in your right eye. It was determined that you needed surgery immediately. I was heartbroken. You were only weeks old, and the thought of you undergoing surgery was terrifying. A few days before the operation, we met with the doctor, who told us, "I've never performed this surgery before. There is a 10% chance I can do it without causing any damage to her eye." The day of the surgery was one of the hardest of my life—I was filled with fear. After the procedure, the doctor entered the waiting room, astonished, and said, "I removed the cloudy film from her eye and didn't damage the lens." The room erupted in joy and thanksgiving. I had witnessed a miracle. Every time I reflect on that miracle, I am reminded that there is a God.

In Psalm 105, David recounts the history of Israel and the miracles God performed in delivering the Israelites from the Egyptians. He reflects on the plagues God sent upon the Egyptians, which served as a reminder of God's faithfulness to His chosen people. David also remembers how God miraculously provided for them, using a cloud to cover them by day and a fire to give them light at night. He concludes with "Praise the Lord."

Remembering, reflecting, and sharing stories of God's miracles—both in our lives and in Scripture—is a powerful way to honor Him, praise Him, and make His name known to others. It's a way to share His faithfulness with our families and friends.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank You for providing daily miracles. Help us remember the stories that reveal who You are and remind us of all You have done.

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